

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 439

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A RESOLUTION to create a special joint committee to study price gouging in the retail sale of gasoline.

WHEREAS, the heinous practice of price gouging in the retail sale of gasoline involves selling gasoline at a price grossly in excess of the price generally charged for the same in the usual course of business; and

WHEREAS, price gouging in the retail sale of gasoline occurs primarily during periods of disaster or emergency, placing even more economic strain on consumers during difficult times; and

WHEREAS, with fuel costs consuming more and more of the average Tennessean's income, it is imperative that this General Assembly should act to stop price gouging in the retail sale of gasoline in Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that there is hereby created a special joint committee to study the practice of price gouging in the retail sale of gasoline and recommend legislation and penalties sufficient to significantly reduce the incidence of such practice in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee shall be composed of three (3) members of the House of Representatives and three (3) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective Speakers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall only meet on days when the House of Representatives and the Senate are otherwise meeting in session or committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One Hundred Sixth General Assembly no later than February 15, 2010, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.